



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6

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The Honorable Bill John Baker
Principal Chief
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Dear Principal Chief Baker:

The purpose of this letter is to extend an invitation to the Cherokee Nation to conduct government - to - government consultation with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 regarding oil refining impacts at the Wilcox Oil Company Superfund Site. The EPA anticipates proposing a remedial action to address specific source materials at the site in April 2018. The purpose of the consultation would be to provide information to the Cherokee Nation's leadership about the proposed action, to solicit input, and also to request a letter of support for the proposed action from the Cherokee Nation.

The consultation would be conducted in accordance with the EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes. EPA's anticipated timeline for the consultation and coordination would be from the date of this letter until **[est 30 day]**. During this time, EPA would request a meeting with Cherokee Nation leadership for consultation and will continue to work at the staff level to provide information to the Cherokee Nation environmental staff.

The draft Source Control Proposed Plan has been provided electronically to Cherokee Nation environmental staff. The Plan includes the evaluation of three options and is proposing Excavation and Offsite Disposal for the eight (8) identified source areas. The total estimated volume of source material is approximately 34,622 cubic yards at an estimated cost of \$5,260,232.

We value the observations, insights and recommendations of the Cherokee Nation leaders and members, and pledge to remain engaged as we continue to work on this site. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (214) 665-6701, or your staff may contact Katrina Higgins-Coltrain at (214) 665-8143 or coltrain.katrina@epa.gov. If you have any questions about the consultation process, please contact Randy Gee, Region 6 Office of Environmental Justice, Tribal and International Affairs, at (214) 665-8355.

Sincerely,

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